

WORKSHOP REPORT

PROPOSED REPEAL OF RULE 67.8 - DRY CLEANING FACILITIES USING HALOGENATED ORGANIC SOLVENT

A workshop notice was mailed to all businesses and government operations in San Diego County that are involved in dry cleaning operations using halogenated organic solvent (perchloroethylene). In addition, notices were mailed to all local Chambers of Commerce, all local Economic Development Corporations, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the California Air Resources Board (ARB), and other interested parties.

The workshop was held on September 15, 1998, and was attended by 2 people. The workshop comment and District response is as follows:

1. WORKSHOP COMMENT

If a facility has a dry-to-dry machine that complies with Rule 67.8, would it also comply with the equipment requirements of the statewide Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM)?

DISTRICT RESPONSE

No, not necessarily. Effective October 1998, the ATCM requires all dry cleaning equipment to operate with no exhaust (venting) to the atmosphere. Rule 67.8. does not have similar requirements. Some older dry-to-dry machines may still be vented machines and would not be in compliance with the ATCM. The facility in question should request assistance from the Compliance Division or from the Small Business Assistance Program Specialist in determining whether particular equipment is in compliance with the ATCM. If it is determined the equipment is not in compliance, correction action will need to be taken before October 1, 1998.